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Gentlemen,

In reference to both my US and PCT Patents above, please be advised that I am in Alexandria, VA to personally meet with you to discuss completion and receive my certified copy published 08/19/2004. My stay apparently must be extended until we resolve this together. When we spoke, I discussed meeting personally this week at your offices.

As of today, I've made numerous visits personally to the USPTO to meet with you. Also, my telephone calls and those from the USPTO security desk to allow admittance to your office have gone unanswered.

Please call me personally on my cellular phone at (989) 395-4737. I anxiously await your return calls and will remain here in Alexandria, VA to help expedite finishing my patent protection.

Respectfully Requested,

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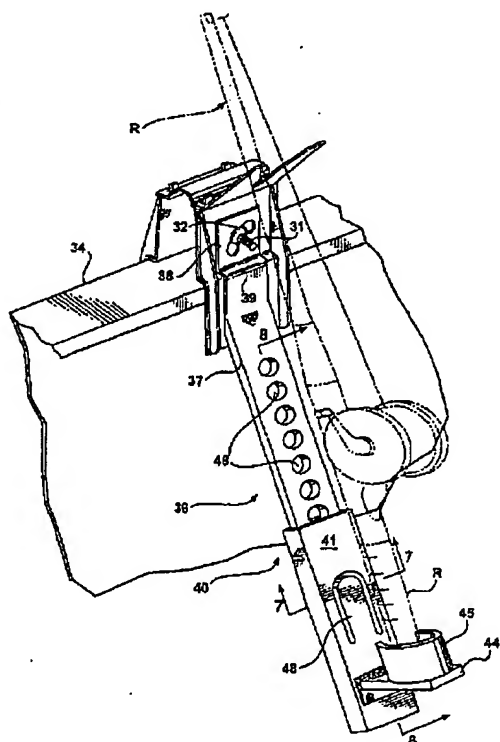
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(54) Title: FISHING ROD REST



(57) Abstract: A rest for maintaining an elongate article such as a fishing rod in a generally upright position has an upwardly inclined, notched extension in which the article removably may be accommodated when one end of the article is supported at a level below that of the extension. The rest has a concavo-convex body which is capable of partially embracing a cylindrical support rail and includes flexible tie members which may be used to clamp the body to such rail. The body also is capable of being coupled to a pair of generally parallel, confronting, spaced apart clamp members which are movable toward and away from one another so as to clamp the body in upstanding relation to a boat gunwale. A multiple part extensible and retractable arm may be coupled to one of the clamp members and is provided with a socket for the accommodation of the lower or butt end of the article. A releasable latch maintains the extensible and retractable parts of the arm in any selected one of a number of adjusted positions.

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